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Gala Congregational Meeting and Dinner Planned For Sunday Evening, January 23rd

Open Parents' Meeting To Hear Rabbi Steinberg

The next open meeting of the Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday evening, January 12th, at 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Milton Steinberg will be the speaker of the evening. His topic will be "God, the Bible, and Your Child". This talk was requested by a group of parents who have asked for the Religious School's interpretation of God and Bible stories.

Teachers will be present, and there will be a social hour, during which refreshments will be served.

Saul Godwin Lauded

At the annual joint meeting of the School Board and the faculty of the Religious School held on Wednesday, December 15, 1948, a special tribute was paid to the retiring chairman of the Board, Mr. Saul Godwin. Rabbi Kertzer, on behalf of the Board, presented Mr. Godwin with a gift of a brief case. He praised Mr. Godwin's inspired leadership

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Members of the Congregation are urged to reserve Thursday evening, April 14th, the second evening of Passover, for the first Congregational Seder to be held in the Synagogue and conducted by our Rabbis and Cantor. Immediate reservations for all members of Congregation families are requested.

Annalee Jacoby to Address Men's Club on "China"

Mrs. Annalee Jacoby, eminent foreign correspondent and co-author of the best-seller "Thunder Out of China" will be the guest speaker at the Men's Club meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, January 18 at 8:30 p.m. in the Vestry.

Mrs. Jacoby who is a foreign correspondent for Time, Life & Fortune and on the Editorial Board of the Magazine '48 will speak on "Is China Behind the Iron Curtain—What Should Be Our Policy Towards China?"

The Men's Club invites all members of the Synagogue and their families to be present at this first meeting of the 1949 year.

The Third Annual Congregational Dinner in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue will take place on Sunday evening, January 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Vestry of the Synagogue.

The dinner which will open the evening's festivities will be limited to the first 250 who send in reservations. This is due to the limited capacity of the Vestry. The price for the kosher dinner will be \$3.75 per person. Mrs. Harold Levin, chairman of the dinner arrangements requests that those who have not already made reservations and wish to attend should immediately contact the office of the Synagogue. Mrs. Helen Lubbeck is co-chairman of this committee.

It is planned to dispose, with utmost dispatch, of the actual business meeting, which will begin after dinner, at about 8:45 p.m. All members who cannot attend the dinner are privileged and cordially invited to be present at this and the entertainment portions of the evening.

The business of the evening will include the election of new members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council. Mr. Benjamin Sack, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will render his report to the Congregation. He will include reports of the Presidents of the various Synagogue organizations. Dr. E. D. Friedman, President of the Synagogue, will deliver the address of the evening.

Starkman New Adult Head

Mr. Harold Starkman was recently appointed to head the Committee on Adult Education, succeeding Mr. Harold H. Levin who served with distinction as committee chairman for the past few years.

The Adult Education Committee will meet on Thursday, January 20th at 8:30 p.m. at the Synagogue.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sabbath Eve Friday, January 14th, 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Morris Kertzer will preach on
"The Jew in the Recent War Novel"

Sabbath Morning Saturday Mornings, 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of Hebrew
Union College, will speak

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Junior Congregation Service at 10:30 a.m.
Musical portion of Service under direction of Cantor
Putterman, assisted by choir. Mr. Isidor Geller at
the organ.

Daily Evening Worship 5:45 p.m.

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From The Desk of Rabbi Steinberg

AN injustice is being committed by American Jews, and this column and a sermon I hope to preach in the not too distant future represent my first contributions to its correction.

The wrong I have in mind is the prevailing judgment on our part of the Jewishness of the now vanished Jewish community of Germany.

That there was much wrong, Jewishly speaking, with the Jews of Germany is indisputable. They were condescending to *Ost-Juden*; many of them were too fervid as German patriots to be Jews at all in any significant sense; they were the creators of Reform; anti-Zionism was rife among them and assimilationism, apostasy and self-hatred. The Jew of Eastern Europe a generation ago was not without warrant in his complaints against his German brethren.

But times change, and the East European Jew as represented by his American children and grandchildren has come to exhibit the ignorance, apathy, escapism and disloyalty which were once a German monopoly. The point is that these vices are the results of the emancipation, the Jewish minority position under it, the disintegration of a positive Jewish conviction, not of the perversity of any one group of Jews. Whatever the cause, every Jewry is something of a blackened pot these days, and none is in any position to calumniate any other on that score.

Of even greater gravity is the habitual and continuing underestimation of the Jewish devotion and creativity of the German Jews. With all their deficiencies, there was — and is — at least as much piety and observance among them as among any other group in the Western world. (Ask any American rabbi about the religious fidelity of the typical émigré.)

Finally, it is impossible to overestimate the contribution of German Jewry to Jewish learning and thought. Scientific Jewish scholarship is largely its creation. The best new theological speculation is its handiwork — witness Hermann Cohen; Rosenzweig; Buber. Its influence, in its dispersion has been incalculably fruitful, as I myself can attest from my own experience, having been enriched beyond description by German Jewish scholars and thinkers whose friendship it has been my privilege to enjoy.

That paradoxical community is now gone beyond all recalling. The time has come for all of us to put away our old resentments and no longer justifiable stereotypes and to recognize German Jewry for what it was Jewishly: a body marred by failings but nevertheless resplendent in extraordinary virtues.

—MILTON STEINBERG

Birth

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Finston on the birth of their daughter; and to Mrs. Sarah Botein Bernstein on the birth of her granddaughter.

Engagement

Our felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Milton N. Grass on the engagement of their daughter, Iris, to Mr. Robert Markvitch.

Anniversaries

Best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weill who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on January 4th; and to Mr. and Mrs. David Rothchild who celebrated their 30th anniversary on January 5th.

Birthday

Our congratulations to Mrs. Morris Kertzer who celebrated her birthday, this past New Year's Eve.

Deaths

We offer sincere condolences to Mr. Herbert Shiers on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Julia Shiers; and to Mrs. Jacob Starr on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Rose Moshinsky.

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which has seen the Religious School grow from a modest institution to a dynamic force in the life of the Congregation. Mrs. Abram Blau, president of the Parents' Association, also presented Mr. Godwin with a gift as a token of their esteem.

Tour of Jewish Museum Sponsored by Sisterhood

On Tuesday, January 18th, the Sisterhood has planned a very unusual meeting, which will take place at the Jewish Museum, 92nd Street & 5th Avenue. All members and their guests will be conducted on a guided tour through the museum. In addition there will be a lecture given by a member of the staff of the museum.

The afternoon's activities, which are under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edith Diamond, will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. with the serving of refreshments.

Sisterhood members are urged not to forget that every Wednesday is Park Avenue Synagogue Day at the Home for the Jewish Blind. Mrs. Milton Sivek, chairman, needs more volunteers and requests that women who can serve, contact her.

The Sisterhood wishes to extend its thanks to the members of the Congregation who participated in the presentation of the *Hanukkah* Cantata. Special mention is due Miss Elly Sack for her splendid work as musical accompanist and assistant director.

Library Requests Books

The Synagogue would be grateful for the receipt of books on Jewish subjects which might be added to the library. Placques of presentation will be included, in grateful appreciation of new books, or books which you have finished reading.

Hebrew School Honors

The faculty of the Hebrew School announces that the following students have been placed upon the Honor Roll for attendance, aptitude and scholarship:

Class 1A: Eleanor Foa, Anthony Greenwald and Doris Wimpfheimer.

Class 1B: Roberta Brause, Martin Gold, and Stanley Nemerov.

Class 2A: Judith Godwin, and Maya Konig.

Class 2B: Robert Cohen, Sandy Gevirtz, and Jack May.

Class 3: Susan Halpern, Barton Hoexter, and Lynn Narins.

Class 4: Jonathan Greenwald, Donald Holzman, Ruth Kertzer, and David Ruttenberg.

Class 5-6: Robert Rifkind and Sylvia Schneider.